

Anytime you wash your Kiowa Warrior with the forward cowling removed, remember to cover the top IFF antenna receptacle. If you forget, water gets in and can short out the antenna when you reinstall it.

That means you'll get a NO-GO reading on the MFD (multi-functional display) when you do your pre-flight checks. A NO-GO means your aircraft isn't ready to identify itself to other aircraft and ground facilities.

'Course, a NO-GO could also flash if you're too rough removing the cowling while the cable is still attached. Any pulling or tugging can damage the IFF cable. So check the cable and the connector pin for damage if you get a NO-GO.

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If you get the NO-GO readout only after you've washed the bird, put a small amount of isopropyl alcohol, NSN 6810-00-286-5435, in the antenna receptacle. That will dry up the excess water. Or use a blast of shop air to blow out the water.

Once it's dried out, do another operational check on the top IFF antenna to make sure it's working. If it still won't work, troubleshoot the IFF antenna system.

Keep that NO-GO at bay by taping the receptacle or putting a plastic cap, NSN 5340-00-211-8188, on it before you wash the bird.





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